

ACTON PLANNING BOARD MINUTES Minutes of Meeting May 7, 2019 - 7:30PM 472 Main Street Acton Town Hall - Room 204

Planning Board members in attendance: Derrick Chin (Vice-Chair); Emilie Ying; Anping Liu, Jon Cappetta and Sam Bajwa

Members Absent: Ray Yacouby

Also present: Robert Hummel, Assistant Town Planner; Vivian Birchall, Administrative Assistant.

1. Opening

Vice-Chair, Mr. Chin opened the meeting at 7:33pm.

2. Regular Business

Citizen Comments

An Acton resident requested the Planning Board to make similar presentations like the one Town Counsel made during the May 6, 2019 Zoning Board of Appeals, to guide the public during deliberations on town developments. She also presented an email correspondence with a complaint that some representatives from the town discussed to deny Mr. Danny Factor's appointment to the Planning Board.

Reports

DRB

Ms. Ying reported that the Committee met on March 20, 2019 to review the Kelley's Corner infrastructure project.

On April 17, 2019, DRB met with Bruce Ringwall (GPR) and the developer for the Piper Lane project to review the project design.

During the May 1, 2019 DRB meeting, the proponents of Piper Lane project made a presentation and the board provided feedback to the Zoning Board of Appeals prior to the May 6, 2019 public hearing.

At the same meeting, DRB also discussed the new fire station project with the Town Manager John Mangiaratti and fire chief Robert Hart.

Economic Development Committee

Mr. Chin reported that the Committee requested the Planning Division staff to look into the signage for businesses around the rail trail, and that the Land Use Director, Matthew Selby suggested having an Acton Restaurant day for "sit down" restaurants.

Acton Water District

Mr. Chin reported that \$9.5 million had been proposed for a water filtration plant.

3. Special Business

7:40 PM - PB 19-01- 100 Nagog Park Sign Special Permit Application.

The applicant made a presentation on the proposed new wall and freestanding signs.

The Assistant Town Planner, Robert Hummel informed the Board that the proposed freestanding sign did not comply with the measurement guidelines in the by-laws and recommended approving the special permit with conditions

The Board discussed the application and unanimously agreed that the proposed signs caused no harm to the neighborhood and should be approved with minor changes to the freestanding sign.

The public hearing was closed.

After discussion, Ms. Ying moved to approve the draft decision with conditions, presented by the town staff in the 5/7/2019 meeting packet. The motion was seconded by Mr. Anping. The Board unanimously approved (5-0) the draft decision to approve the special permit with conditions.

8:30 66 Maple Street Subdivision preliminary discussion

The applicant gave an overview of the project, highlighting the concept and plan for acquisition of the historic building.

Mr. Hummel recommended to the Board to take a straw poll to guide the applicant on whether to pursue the project or not.

After discussion, the board recommended that the applicant work with the Historic Commission, planning staff, and all relevant departments to explore ways of preserving the historic structure and construct a new residential structure that fits within the character of the neighborhood.

The Board took a non-binding straw poll, and voted 4-1 in favor of the applicant continuing to pursue the project.

9:00 Boston Elite Sports Amendment discussion

Mr. Ringwall, speaking for the prospective applicant, presented an overview of the project.

After discussion, the board asked for:

- Recommendations from the different town departments to guide the board decision
- Letter from the condo board approving or highlighting concerns, if any, by homeowners.

The Board took a non-binding poll and voted 3-2 in favor of proceeding with the application without a public hearing

Consent Items

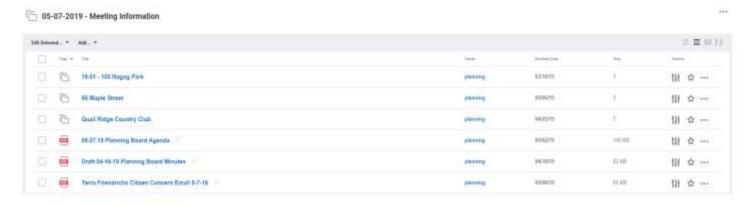
Approval of Meeting Minutes

The meeting minutes from the Acton Planning Board meeting of April 16, 2019 meeting were reviewed and approved by a vote of 5-0, with no amendments.

4. Adjournment

At 9:35p.m, Ms. Ying moved and Mr. Cappetta seconded to adjourn the meeting. The motion was approved unanimously (5-0).

Materials used during the meeting









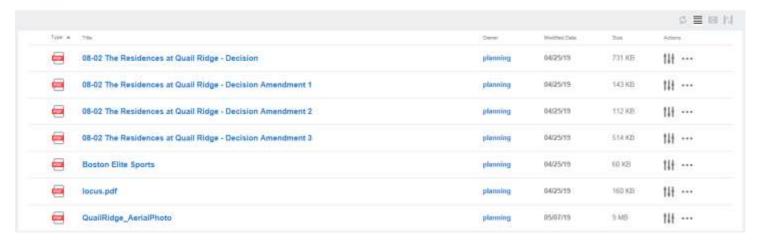
Staff Comments



66 Maple Street







For additional materials used during the meeting, please visit: http://doc.acton-ma.gov/dsweb/View/Collection-10461

Respectfully Submitted, Vivian Birchall Land Use Department